

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Location: 3535 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

February 15, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: David Hoover, Ben Babin, James Little, Richard St. Pierre, Don Thompson, Kenneth Welborn

MEMBERS PRESENT FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lionel Bailey, Angela Machin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Edwin Parker, Jack Harris, Felicia Lee

VACANT SEAT: East Feliciana Parish, St. Helena Parish

ALSO, PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau, ARBC Legal Counsel Larry Bankston

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Hoover.
2. Roll Call (see above).
3. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance.
Public Comments on Agenda Items:
4. Minutes
The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by St. Pierre to approve the January 2022 regular meeting minutes.
5. Financial Statements
Bailey presented to the Board the January 2022 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by Thomas to approve the January 2022 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
6. Executive Director Report
 - Comite River Diversion Canal Project Report as follows:
 - a. Comite River Diversion Canal. DOTD Report: Real Estate: 84 parcels acquired. All complete now. Utility Relocations are ongoing. LA 964 is 100% advertised now for a March letting. CMAR LA 67 and CMAR LA 19 100% designs, construction contract to be executed by February 2022.
 - Rietschier reminded the Board that the Floodplain Management Plan needs to be updated before the CRDC Project is completed. The FPMP should include a program list of major flood control methods/requirements. Hoover requested that Rietschier make an outline and present it at next month's meeting.
 - Amite/Comite Maintenance/Surveillance Plan (tree removal; clearing; snagging). Rietschier presented the Board with a hand-out, and reminded the Board that this is considered a maintenance project, not a flood control project. This matter was discussed and will be continued at next month's ARBC meeting.
7. ARBC Legal Counsel: Consideration of Amendment to DOTD and EBR Agreement:
 - Resolution 1156: On the motion of Thompson, seconded by Bailey, the following resolution was adopted: A Resolution authorizing Edwin Parker, in his capacity as President of the Board of Commissioners for the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District, or Dietmar Rietschier, in his capacity as Executive Director of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District, to execute, Amended Agreement Among DOTD, ARBC and East Baton Rouge Parish, in connection with the Comite River Diversion Project, State Project No. H.007811, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.
 - Resolution 1157: On the motion of St. Pierre, seconded by Little, the following resolution was adopted: A Resolution authorizing Edwin Parker, in his capacity as President of the Board of Commissioners for the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District, or Dietmar

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Rietschier, in his capacity as Executive Director of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District, to execute Temporary Project Servitude and Perpetual Access and Facility Relocation Servitude, in connection with the Comite River Diversion Project, State Project No. H.007811, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

8. Old Business: None.
9. New Business – Flood Awareness Month – March 2022. The Board unanimously approved a motion by St. Pierre, second by Little to proclaim March 2022 as Flood Awareness Month.
10. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson second by Bailey to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/ Edwin Parker, ARBC President
Date: 3/15/22

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary